

Dear Sister Aziza Kidane,

Let me congratulate you for the very well deserve recognition by awarding you with the U.S. State Department's Trafficking In Persons (TIP) Heroes Award.

It was, as we say in Hebrew, a kind of 'god finger' act, to send a wonderful woman like you in the right moment and place in order to get the first hand testimonies about the ordeal of the systematic trafficking, kidnapping, and torture of refugees in the Sinai Desert prior to their entry into Israel. It was you, Aziza, with your dedication for human beings rights, your language knowledge and your sensitivity that made it possible to expose those atrocities and by it to enable raising the world 's attention to it. The devoted staff of PHRI in general and the Open Clinic in particular was the best partners to this effort. As we always do, we combined individual care with advocacy and political actions to achieve change in wrong doing policy.

I'm happy and proud to know you, dear sister Aziza.

**Gratefully,
Ruchama Marton**